

**SB 6338** - H AMD **936**

By Representative Zeiger

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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4 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.185.070 and 2013 c 145 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing  
7 trust fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use  
8 by the department for the housing assistance program, the department  
9 must announce to all known interested parties, and through major media  
10 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least  
11 ninety days' duration. This announcement must be made as often as the  
12 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The  
13 department must then promptly grant as many applications as will  
14 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the  
15 department as provided in RCW 43.185.050.

16 (2) In awarding funds under this chapter, the department must:

17 (a) Provide for a geographic distribution on a statewide basis;  
18 and

19 (b) Until June 30, 2013, consider the total cost and per-unit cost  
20 of each project for which an application is submitted for funding  
21 under RCW 43.185.050(2) (a) and (j), as compared to similar housing  
22 projects constructed or renovated within the same geographic area.

23 (3) The department, with advice and input from the affordable  
24 housing advisory board established in RCW 43.185B.020, or a  
25 subcommittee of the affordable housing advisory board, must report  
26 recommendations for awarding funds in a cost-effective manner. The  
27 report must include an implementation plan, timeline, and any other

1 items the department identifies as important to consider to the  
2 legislature by December 1, 2012.

3 (4) The department must give first priority to applications for  
4 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing  
5 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit  
6 public development authorities and public housing authorities as  
7 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately  
8 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal  
9 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such  
10 projects and activities must be evaluated under subsection (5) of this  
11 section. Second priority must be given to activities and projects  
12 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and  
13 activities must be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under  
14 subsection (5) of this section, and similar projects and activities  
15 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

16 (5) The department must give preference for applications based on  
17 some or all of the criteria under this subsection, and similar  
18 projects and activities must be evaluated under the same criteria:

19 (a) The degree of leveraging of other funds that will occur;

20 (b) The degree of commitment from programs to provide necessary  
21 habilitation and support services for projects focusing on special  
22 needs populations;

23 (c) Recipient contributions to total project costs, including  
24 allied contributions from other sources such as professional, craft  
25 and trade services, and lender interest rate subsidies;

26 (d) Local government project contributions in the form of  
27 infrastructure improvements, and others;

28 (e) Projects that encourage ownership, management, and other  
29 project-related responsibility opportunities;

30 (f) Projects that demonstrate a strong probability of serving the  
31 original target group or income level for a period of at least twenty-  
32 five years;

33 (g) The applicant has the demonstrated ability, stability and  
34 resources to implement the project;

- 1 (h) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;
- 2 (i) Projects that provide housing for persons and families with  
3 the lowest incomes;
- 4 (j) Projects serving special needs populations which are under  
5 statutory mandate to develop community housing;
- 6 (k) Project location and access to employment centers in the  
7 region or area;
- 8 (l) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities  
9 for disadvantaged youth under a youthbuild or youthbuild-type program  
10 as defined in RCW 50.72.020; (~~and~~)
- 11 (m) Project location and access to available public transportation  
12 services; and
- 13 (n) Projects involving collaborative partnerships with local  
14 school districts that help children of low-income families succeed in  
15 school.
- 16 (6) The department may only approve applications for projects for  
17 persons with mental illness that are consistent with a regional  
18 support network six-year capital and operating plan."

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EFFECT: Allows a preference for projects that involve partnerships between school districts and any eligible organization, rather than only with housing authorities.

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